

Building Program Nears Completion at Elwood Unit



ARSENAL CONSTRUCTION—Inspecting plans for the new machine shop (rear) at the Elwood unit of the Joliet Arsenal are, left to right: Lt. Col. C. F. Nooncaster, commander of the unit, Capt. Louis P. Srdich and Frank P. Floryan, area engineer for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The machine shop is part of a \$2½ million construction program. (U. S. Army photo.)

A \$2½-million construction program — replacing temporary structures with permanent buildings — is nearing completion at the Elwood unit of the Joliet Arsenal.

The modern, brick buildings — a far cry from the outdated structures erected in pre-World War II days — will be ready for occupancy soon, Lt. Col. C. F. Nooncaster, commanding officer, said Saturday.

Individual projects include: general purpose warehouse, machine shop, dunnage mill, carpenter shop, automotive repair shop and boiler house with a boiler plant having a total ca-

pacity of 50,000 pounds of steam per hour.

Supporting facilities such as sewage and water mains, utility equipment, roads and railroad spurs cost about \$600,000, Col. Nooncaster said.

The construction is being supervised by Frank P. Floryan, area engineer of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Pathman Construction Company of Chicago is building the machine shop and general purpose warehouse. M. J. Boyle Construction Company, also of Chicago, is the prime contractor on the rest of the projects.

The Arsenal commander said a number of local firms are either sub-contractors or ma-

terial suppliers. The firms include: Weber Masonry Company, Porter Glass Company, Material Service Corporation, Newkirk Ready Mix Company, Joliet Concrete Block Company, Vogel Gravel Pit, Lincoln Stone Corporation, National Stone Company, and the Crown Rock Company. All contract letting was handled by the Corps of Engineers.